In the Baitrani Basin, the Kanpur Irrigation Project on this river is being taken up by the State Government which will moderate flood to some extent. For permanent solution on flood control of this river another scheme is under investigation stage.

As regards Subarnarekha Basin, the Chandill Dam across river Subarnarekha in Jharkhand district is under construction. After completion of this project the flood havoc in Orissa due to this river can be reduced considerably.

The floods in other river basins *i.e.* Rushikulya Basin, Nagabali Basin, Vamsadhara Basin and Burhabalanga Basin are now being controlled by the flood protective embankments.

Water University in Rajasthan

105. MISS MABEL REBELLO:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to set up a Water University in Rajasthan, the first of its kind in the country;

(b) if so, the kind of training proposed to be imparted to the youth in water conservation, rainwater harvesting and water management etc.; and

(c) the details of other courses to be conducted in the colleges under this university and who would organise the entire system?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) No such proposal is under consideration of the Government at present.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Viability of Desalination Process

106. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have carried out so far a research to find out the viability of desalination process as a proven option to augment the water resources in the water scarcity areas in the country;